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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Case No. 1:22-CR-00250-JLT-SKO
)
 Plaintiff,) **MOTION TO TERMINATE CJA
 vs.)**
)
DAMIEN TORRES,) **APPOINTMENT AND ORDER**
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 Defendant.)
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On September 15, 2022, Defendant DAMIEN TORRES was indicted on federal charges. On September 14, 2022, CJA Panel Counsel, Serita Rios, was appointed to represent Mr. Torres in his criminal case. Mr. Torres was sentenced pursuant to a plea agreement on May 27, 2025; Mr. Torres was in custody at sentencing. The time for filing a direct appeal was June 10, 2025, no direct appeal was filed. The trial phase of Mr. Torres' criminal case has, therefore, come to an end. Having completed her representation of Mr. Torres Counsel, Serita Rios, now moves to terminate her appointment under the Criminal Justice Act.

Should Mr. Torres require further legal assistance he has been advised to contact the Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California by mail at 2300 Tulare Street, Suite 330, Fresno, CA 93721, or by phone at (559) 487-

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1 5561 (collect) or (855) 656-4360 (toll-free), which, if appropriate, will arrange for the
2 re-appointment of counsel to assist him.

3 Dated: June 19, 2025

4 */s/ Serita Rios*

5 **Serita Rios**
6 Attorney for Defendant

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8 **ORDER**

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10 Having found that attorney Serita Rios has completed the services for which
11 she was appointed, the Court hereby grants Counsel Serita Rios' request for leave to
12 withdraw as defense counsel in this matter.

13 Should Defendant seek further legal assistance, Defendant is advised to contact
14 the Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California at 2300 Tulare
15 Street, Suite 330, Fresno, CA 93721. The phone number for the office is (559) 487-
16 5561 (collect) or (855) 656-4360 (toll-free). If appropriate, the office will arrange for
17 the reappointment of counsel to assist Defendant.

18 The Clerk of Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on Defendant,
19 DAMIEN TORRES, at the following address and to update the docket to reflect
20 Defendant's pro se status and contact information.

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22 Damien Torres, USMS #21290-510
23 FCI Mendota
24 P.O. Box 9
Mendota, California 93640

25 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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27 Dated: June 20, 2025

Jennifer L. Thurston
28 Jennifer L. Thurston
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

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